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## **GBRA Board of Directors Elects Officers**

*Dennis Patillo of Victoria named chairman*

SEGUIN, Texas – The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) board of directors elected Dennis L. Patillo of Victoria as chairman of the nine-member governing body at its first meeting of the year, January 16, 2019. Don Meador of Hays County is vice-chair and Kenneth A. Motl, DVM, of Calhoun County is secretary/treasurer. Rusty Brockman of Comal County will serve as immediate past chair.

Patillo is president of Stewart Title of the Coastal Bend Inc. and also president of Evangelynn Hospitality LLC. He is the past chairman of the Victoria Economic Development Corporation, the Houston Association of Realtors and the Texas Association of Realtors. Patillo has served on a number of boards and commissions including the Texas Tax Reform Commission, the University of Houston Commission on Downward Expansion, the Victoria County Airport Commission and DeTar Healthcare System. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and was first appointed to the GBRA board in 2011.

Meador, of San Marcos, is a retired rancher and registered engineer with Procter & Gamble Company. He is joint owner of Dreamcatcher Ranch, at the headwaters of the San Marcos River, which is set aside in a conservation easement to protect the watershed for perpetuity. Mr. Meador also is past president of the Hays County Farm Bureau, past board vice-chair of the Hays County Water Conservation District, and a former commissioner of the City of Coppell Planning and Zoning Commission. Additionally, he is a past member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and American Angus Association, and a past board member of the Texas Angus Association. A U.S. Army veteran, Meador earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University and a master's degree in industrial engineering from Oklahoma State University. Meador was first appointed to the GBRA board in 2013.

Motl, of Port Lavaca, attended Texas A&M University in College Station and earned a bachelor's degree in biomedical science in 1986 and doctor of veterinary medicine degree in 1990. In 1995, Motl opened Bayfront Animal Hospital in Port Lavaca, where he provides treatment to small and large animals. His special interest is in beef cattle production. Motl sponsors a variety of activities in his community, and in particular, supports youth at local livestock shows. Motl was reappointed in 2018 to the GBRA board.

Brockman, of New Braunfels, served as chairman of the board for two years. He was first appointed to the GBRA board in 2012 and was reappointed to another six-year term in 2018. Brockman retired in March 2018 after 17 years as the vice president of economic development for the Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce. Brockman received a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston, a teaching certification from the University of Houston at Clear Lake, a master's degree in education and a professional administrator certification from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Other members of the GBRA board of directors include William Carbonara of DeWitt County, Steve Ehrig of Gonzales County, Oscar H. Fogle of Caldwell County, Ronald J. Hermes of Guadalupe County, and Tommy Mathews II of Kendall County.

Directors are appointed by the governor to six-year terms and subject to confirmation by the Texas Senate.

**About the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority**

GBRA was established by the Texas Legislature in 1933 as a water conservation and reclamation district. GBRA provides stewardship for the water resources in its 10-county statutory district which begins near the headwaters of the Guadalupe and Blanco Rivers, ends at San Antonio Bay and includes Kendall, Comal, Hays, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Gonzales, DeWitt, Victoria, Calhoun and Refugio counties.